



ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Summer Newsletter #8
19th June 2025

Dear Families

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for joining us in celebrating the three Sports Days as part of National Sports Week. Your enthusiastic participation, support, and encouragement truly made the day special for our pupils and staff.

Reception



KS1



KS2



It was wonderful to see our school community come together to promote the values of teamwork, perseverance, and healthy competition. Your presence not only uplifted the spirits of our young athletes but also reinforced the importance of staying active and engaged. Thank you also to the family members that joined in with the available activities we held at the end and also for supporting the PTA to raise valuable funds via the yummy refreshments on offer.

I would also like to use this opportunity for a **BIG** 'Shout Out!' for Mr Mayling for all the preparation, organising and running of the both KS1 and KS2 sports mornings.

The Sports Day stats from Mr Mayling

KS1

KS1 Sports Day is split into two parts, the children all competed in the track events and then the children went round the fun carousel of activities in their house teams and competed to gain more points for their team. Sports Day is a fantastic opportunity to get outside of the classroom, get active and work as a team.



There were some great individual and team performances. All the children far exceeded expectations and performed brilliantly in all the events. Well done to Grenville (green team) who came first with 720 points and to Raleigh (red team) who came second with 713 points, Drake (blue team) in third place with 665 points and Hawkins (yellow team) who came fourth with 646 points.

St Margaret's have many talented children and we are very proud of their achievements and enthusiasm for sport. A huge thank you to our amazing Y6 Super Sixes and Y5 Play makers for helping to organise such a successful day!

KS2

There were some great individual and team performances. All the children far exceeded expectations and performed brilliantly in all the events. Well done to the defending champions Raleigh (red team) who won again this year with 534 points, Drake (blue team) came second with 452 points, Hawkins (yellow team) were third with 444 points and Grenville (green team) came fourth with 424 points. Well done and to the seven new record holders 2025.

Year 3 Girls 50m Sprint - Olivia
Year 3 Boys 50m Sprint - Charlie
Year 4 Boys 50m Sprint – Jude + Anu (joint record holders)
Year 5 Boys 60m Sprint - Rory
Year 5 Girls Relay – Drake (blue team)
Year 6 Girls Javelin – Roni

A huge thank you to Mrs Truscott (PE Teacher, STCM) and her Y8 Sports Leaders for helping to organise the event.

Staff News

Massive congratulations to Mrs Madej and her husband on the safe arrival of their son that was born on Thursday weighing 7lbs 1oz.



Parking Concerns

Please can our school community unite together to make a collaborative effort to ensure that we park respectfully near Barewell Road and Shelly Avenue as in recent weeks residents have witnessed parking that could potentially cause a road accident. As a school we want to work together with our local community to ensure a safe and respectful environment for all involved and would value your conscious effort and support.



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School Gates

For health and safety reasons the school gates will remain locked and will be open by a member of the Senior Leadership Team at the start and end of the school day rather than automatic gate opening. This will ensure pupil's safety at all times. If arriving outside of these times and reporting to the school office always ensure the school pedestrian gate is closed behind you on entering and exiting the school site.

Outdoor Play Equipment Plea

Please if you have any unwanted, or know someone who does have any tyres, wooden planks that are in good condition, plastic pipes, crates and tubes that we can use for creative play we would really appreciate you sending them our way. Thanks in advance.



PTA School Discos

On Thursday 26th June the PTA are kindly putting on KS1 & KS2 Summer term discos, which will be lots of fun. Please contact the PTA direct if you haven't had chance to purchase you tickets yet.

Summer Fair

We're gearing up for our annual Summer Fair on Saturday 12th July 11am – 2pm! It's a great opportunity for our school community to come together, have fun, and raise money for school enrichment that benefits our pupils.

We need your help! We're looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks, including setting up, running a stall or help clearing afterwards. If you can help in any way, please click on the link

<https://volunteersignup.org/QJQH9>

We truly appreciate your time and dedication to making our Summer Fair a memorable and successful event by being there and joining in the fun! Let's work together to make it a fantastic day for our children and community.



Summer Fair
Volunteers
Needed

Thank you once again for being an integral part of these memorable events that we have already enjoyed and are planning for in the coming weeks. I hope you have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday.

Best Wishes

Mrs Nikki O'Dwyer

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Community Information

Mission to improve children's oral health (Message from Marychurch Practice)

Due to previous demand, **every other Saturday from 28th June until the end of August**, we will be holding our "Kids Club" sessions for children to come and have a free one-off NHS checkup appointment with our lovely dentist Parsa Mosaddad.

We would love for you to forward this information to the parents and guardians of the children at your school so they can take us up on this opportunity - at present we are only working with select local schools and spaces will be limited.

To book an appointment for their child/children they just need to call 01803 328113 or pop into our St Marychurch practice and one of our reception team will be more than happy to help!

This won't register the child with the practice but should enable them to have an NHS dental check-up and 1 course of treatment.

Please note, if any parents are unable to attend on a Saturday for various reasons, then we may have other availability if they contact the reception team.

If you have any questions about this scheme, please do not hesitate to contact the team, who will be more than happy to help.

To find us we are based at

1170 Saint Marychurch Rd, Units 2-3 St Marychurch Court, Torquay, TQ1 4TY

Year 4 & Year 5 Torquay Academy Open Days

Please contact Torquay Academy to arrange a visit on one of the proposed visits taking place over the coming weeks and into September. Pupils will have brought home a postcard this week with details, but feel free to contact the office if you missed this or contact TA direct to find out more.



Family Support

Families in **Torbay** have access to a wide range of support services and resources. Here are some key options available in 2025:

1. Household Support Fund (Torbay Council)

- **Purpose:** Helps households in financial hardship with essentials like food, fuel, and water.
- **Support Includes:**
 - £100 grants (paused until September 2025 due to high demand)
 - Support for foodbanks and social supermarkets
 - Council Tax Support for eligible households
 - Crisis support including fuel vouchers and white goods

Contact: [Torbay Council Household Support](#) | Torbay Community Helpline: 01803 446022

2. Early Help – Torbay Family Hub

- **Services:**
 - Parenting advice and support
 - Youth homelessness prevention
 - Family Group Conferences (self-referral available)
 - Independent living skills courses
 - Mental health and wellbeing resources
 - Relationship and co-parenting support

Access: [Torbay Family Hub – Early Help](#)

3. Family Action Welfare Grants

- **Grants Available:** Up to £300 (or £600 for holidays for women)
- **Purpose:** To help with essential household and personal needs for families on low incomes or benefits.

More Info: [Torbay Communities – Welfare Grants](#)



Diary Dates

26th June 2025	PTA Summer Disco
27th June 2025	Y6 Additional Transition Day @ Torquay Academy
30th June & 1st July 2025	Parents Evening @ Torquay Academy
4th July 2025	Year 6 Transition Day @ Torquay Academy
W/C 7th July 2025	Reports out to Parents this week
8th July 2025	Y4 Water Confidence
9th July 2025	Dress Down Day—Donations of a bottle for the PTA Tombola for the Summer Fair
10th July 2025	Y6 Rounders Competition
Saturday 12th July 2025	11.00—14.00 PTA Summer Fair
15th July 2025	17.45—18.30 Y6 Production
16th July 2025	17.45—18.30 Y6 Production
24th July 2025	Final day for the children
24th July 2025	Year 6 BBQ
24th July 2025	09.30—10.30 Year 6 Leavers Academy

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Beech	This week's star is Kai, and what a superstar he is! Kai has been taking huge steps forward in his reading, showing real determination and effort. His hard work has led to fantastic progress not just in reading, but in his writing too, a brilliant achievement! He is also a pleasure to have in class. Kai is always kind, thoughtful, and brings a positive attitude to everything he does. He consistently tries his best, and it really shows. Well done, Kai, we're so proud of you!
Pine	Riley is our Star of the week for putting in so much effort over the last few weeks. He is getting that hand up lots and really trying, well done Riley!
Oak	This week's star of the week is Oliver. He has really tried his hardest this week to make sure he is showing his best behaviour and has tried super hard in all of his work. I have seen his writing come on leaps and bounds, keep up the hard work Oliver!
Apple	Ella is our star of the week for consistently taking care over her presentation in all subjects. It is a pleasure to mark your work. Thank you Ella.
Holly	I was so impressed by the way this week's star showed all our school values during sports day. They waited patiently in the hot sun, aspirational in every individual event they entered and motivated all of their peers in the team events. Well done to everyone in Holly, you are all stars of the week!
Willow	Our star this week is Nessee because of her amazing motivation with her reading. She has become a keen quizzier of her books. Nessee has a great attitude to learning in general and always tries her best. Well done Nessee.
Cherry	This week's star of the week is Isaac. I am always so impressed with Isaac's attitude towards his learning and his motivation to always be his best. Well done Isaac and keep up the good work.
Hazel	Hazel's star this week is Eva. Eva during Sports day showed excellent sportsmanship and was willing to give everything a go. Not to mention, her excellent team skills which lead to us winning the tug of war! Keep it up, Eva!
Birch	The star in Birch this week is Austin. He has been aspirational in his sports day achievements. Well done young man!
Rowan	This week's star of the week is Roman. Roman has made amazing progress this year, impressing not only myself and Mrs Madej but many adults around the school who have commented on his maturity and resilient work ethic. You have come so far and you should be so proud of yourself!
Maple	Our star goes to Lily D this week because of the kindness and responsibility she has shown. Lily has been so helpful around the class this week, especially on sports day where she offered to help out her friends. Well done Lily; keep it up!
Hawthorn	Giovanna is our star for her excellent aspiration with her writing this week. She has used a variety of wonderful vocabulary and used similes to add description! Well done Giovanna!!

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